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State disciplines health care providers

OLYMPIA -- The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against health care providers in our state.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Division works with boards, commissions, and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 80 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency website. Click on "[Look up a health care provider license](#)" in the "How Do I?" section of the [Department of Health website](#) (doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are encouraged to call and report their complaint.

Benton County

In June 2015 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Patricia Anne Short** (RN00112783) with unprofessional conduct. Charges say that when Short worked at an adult family home, she told a medication aide to write false information about circumstances in which a resident had a heart attack and subsequently died. Short allegedly lied about an incident involving missing medication, and forged another staff member's initials on a medication record.

King County

In May 2015 the Naturopathy Board reinstated the credential of naturopathic physician **John A. Catanzaro** (NT00000769) and placed him on probation for at least eight years. Catanzaro and other naturopathic physicians at his clinic must work within their scope of practice, and limit their cancer research and treatment. Catanzaro must refund a total of \$180,750 to patients who paid for cancer vaccine they didn't receive. Catanzaro's license was suspended in 2014 in connection with experimental cancer treatment and use of an unapproved vaccine.

In June 2015 the Naturopathy Board placed naturopathic physician **Kathleen Naughton** (NT00000384) on probation for at least three years. Naughton didn't meet the standard of care in issuing medical marijuana authorizations. She didn't properly diagnose conditions, didn't

conduct adequate exams, didn't have ongoing relationships with patients, and issued authorizations to patients whose conditions didn't meet requirements.

In June 2015 the Unlicensed Practice Program notified **Mingyan Cao** of its intent to issue a cease-and-desist order. Cao allegedly provided massage treatment without a license.

In June 2015 the Osteopathic Board charged osteopathic physician **Jack J. Calabria** (OP00000789) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly didn't appropriately assess and monitor a patient who later died of liver cancer.

In June 2015 the secretary of health reinstated the certified nursing assistant credential of **Tatanisha Mioka Scott**, also known as **Jacqueline W. Poole** (NC10058799). Scott's license was revoked in 2004. In 2002 she was convicted on a federal bank fraud charge.

In May 2015 the secretary of health conditionally granted a home care aide credential to **Jin-Ah Jin Kim** (HM60460958) and ordered her to enroll in a substance abuse monitoring program. On her application, Kim admitted using chemical substances that might impair her ability to practice safely, using illegal controlled substances, and withdrawing from a drug treatment program against the program's advice.

In June 2015 the Chemical Dependency Professional program charged chemical dependency professional **Joedy Maurice Smith** (CP00003229) with unprofessional conduct. In 2013 Smith applied to reactivate his expired license. In 2005 Smith was convicted of felony manufacturing, delivery or possession of controlled substances—cocaine. In 2013 he was convicted of felony harassment—domestic violence.

Kitsap County

In June 2015 the Dental Commission ended conditions on the credential of dentist **Hamidreza Barakhshan** (DE00009257).

Kittitas County

In June 2015 the X-Ray Technician Program charged X-ray technician **Leah M. Knight** (XT60197027) with unprofessional conduct. Charges say Knight used the name of a physician at the clinic where she worked to call-in prescriptions for controlled substances and legend drugs. The physician didn't authorize the prescriptions, charges say, and the person for whom the prescriptions were called in allegedly wasn't a clinic patient at the time. In 2015 she was convicted of a single count of obtaining a controlled substance by fraud.

Lewis County

In April 2015 the secretary of health vacated the indefinite suspension of the certified nursing assistant credential of **Cindy M. Kell** (NC60193789) due to a missed conference call regarding her case. An order was entered requiring Kell to pay a \$250 fine, and complete continuing education in patient rights and dignity, confidentiality, and law and ethics. While working at a

nursing home, Kell photographed a dementia patient who was sitting on a toilet with her pants down. Kell then showed the photograph to a co-worker.

Pacific County

In June 2015 the Nursing Commission charged licensed practical nurse **Louise I. Johnson** (LP00052991) with unprofessional conduct. Johnson allegedly made thousands of dollars of unauthorized purchases and withdrawals from accounts of a resident at a nursing home where she worked. Charges say the state Department of Social and Health Services found that Johnson financially exploited a vulnerable adult.

Pierce County

In June 2015 the Nursing Assistant Program reinstated the certified nursing assistant credential of **LaShaunda LaShae Crocklem** (NC60083783). Her license was suspended in 2013 in connection with providing false information to the state Department of Social and Health Services about her employment status and patient care hours.

In June 2015 the Counselor Program charged agency affiliated counselor **Warren Terry** (CG60175096) with unprofessional conduct. Charges say officials from Western State Hospital, where Terry worked, retrieved cardboard boxes of patient records and confidential health information from Terry's residence.

Skagit County

In June 2015 the Medical Commission charged physician **Scott F. Mennella** (MD00022793) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly continued to prescribe narcotics for a patient he knew was addicted to controlled substances, and didn't conduct adequate consultations or keep records as required. Mennella allegedly allowed the patient to participate in a "job shadow" program without following procedure, and perform tasks for which she wasn't authorized. In 2014 Mennella voluntarily surrendered his U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration registration.

Snohomish County

In June 2015 the Unlicensed Practice Program notified **Hongjun Li** of its intent to issue a cease-and-desist order. In 2013 Li pleaded guilty to practicing massage without a license.

Spokane County

In May 2015 the secretary of health denied a home care aide credential to **Janine R. Hunt** (HM60507451). She was convicted of driving while intoxicated in 2010 and again in 2015. She didn't respond to a Department of Health notice requiring her to undergo a substance abuse evaluation in order to receive consideration for a license.

Thurston County

In June 2015 the secretary of health reinstated the certified nursing assistant credential of **Victoria L. Safford** (NC10060374). Her license was revoked in 2004. The Pharmacy Board revoked her pharmacy assistant credential in connection with diverting controlled substances.

In June 2015 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Ashley Marie Perera** (RN00167087) with unprofessional conduct. In 2015 Perera voluntarily surrendered her North Carolina license in connection with allegations of diversion.

In June 2015 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Derek Allen Paulsen** (RN60385138) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly didn't contact the physician of an 86-year-old dialysis patient with low blood pressure. Charges say the patient was found dead in her home the next day with cardiac arrest listed as the primary cause of death.

Out of State

California: In May 2015 the Naturopathy Board ended probation for naturopathic physician **Kristi D. Tompkins** (NT00001626).

Oregon: In June 2015 the Hearing and Speech Board charged speech language pathologist **Jocelyn Louise Meussdorffer** (LL60262909) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly didn't comply with a substance abuse monitoring agreement.

Virginia: In June 2015 the Marriage and Family Therapist Program reinstated the marriage and family therapist credential of **James F. Jacobs** (LF00000856), which was suspended in 2010. On his application, Jacobs didn't disclose a criminal conviction.

Note to Editors: Health care providers charged with unprofessional conduct have 20 days to respond to the Department of Health in writing. The case then enters the settlement process. If no disciplinary agreement can be reached, the case will go to a hearing.

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